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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Masamichi AKASHI of Chiba, Japan

For: PRINTING APPARATUS, PRINTING SYSTEM, METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE APPARATUS, AND CONTROL PROGRAM FOR EXECUTING THE METHOD

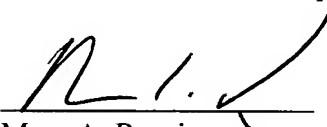
Enclosed are:

- [X] FOUR (4) sheets of formal drawings, Figures 1-8.
- [] An Assignment of the invention to CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA
- [X] The application claims priority from Japanese Application 2002-316470 filed October 30, 2002.
- [] A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed.
- [] A Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- [] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- [] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

[X] An Information Disclosure Statement.

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Total				
Claims	8 - 20 = 0	x \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00	
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